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### 1. INDOCHINA

PRES APPLIES DIPLOMATIC AND MIL PRESSURE TO WIN RELEASE OF  
"MAYAGUEZ," SEEKS HELP OF CHINA AND ALERTS MARINES ON  
OKINAWA. DOD SOURCES INDICATE CAMBODIA PLANNED AMBUSH  
(UPI, CHITRIB). FORD DISPATCHES 150 MARINES TO THAILAND  
AS PART OF APPARENT SHOW OF FORCE. MAYAGUEZ BEGINS MOVING  
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AGAIN AFTER SPENDING MOST OF DAY OFF ISLAND 30 MILES  
FROM CAMBODIAN COAST. USAF PLANES KEEP VESSEL UNDER  
SURVEILLANCE, WHILE USN AIRCRAFT SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY  
SMALL-ARMS FIRE THAT GREETED SEVERAL FLIGHTS; 1,000 MORE

MARINES EXPECTED FLY FROM OKINAWA TO UTAPAO. USS "CORAL SEA" HEADED FOR GULF OF THAILAND.

IN KC PRESS CONFERENCE MAY 13, SECSTATE SAID US WILL NOT ACCEPT HARASSMENT OF ITS SHIPS ON INTL SEA LANES (PHINQ). SAID ADMIN ACTING WITH DELIBERATION, DETERMINATION (SHABECOFF, NYT); ADDED CAMBODIANS WILL NOT BE GIVEN ANYTHING IN EXCHANGE FOR SHIP (GETTLER/KILPATRICK, WP). TASS SAYS MAYAGUEZ MAY HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN SPYING. RTG SAYS WILL NOT LET US USE ITS SOIL FOR WAR, SINCE HAS ENOUGH

TROUBLE WITH NEIGHBORS NOW (PHINQ). POSSIBLE MIL SHOWDOWN MAY COME WITHIN 24 HRS AS MARINES, BIG USAF COPTERS, BEING RELOCATED IN THAILAND. RECON PILOTS SAY SOME, IF NOT ALL, CREW MEMBERS TAKEN OFF SHIP TO ISLAND. US OFFICIALS PUZZLED WHY VESSEL NOT TAKEN INTO KOMPONG SOM INITIALLY, VIEW DECISION AS ONLY ENCOURAGING SIGN SHIP MAY BE RELEASED WITHOUT FIGHT. ADMIN SEEMS INTENT ON ASSURING SHIP DOES NOT REACH PORT (GETTLER/KILPATRICK). PAC FORCE ON ALERT, US OFFICIALS HOPE CAN BE INTERPOSED TO PREVENT MAYAGUEZ FROM BEING TAKEN TO MAINLAND THOUGH SUCH ACTION WOULD HAVE SERIOUS MIL, POLITICAL PROBLEMS, INCLUDING THAI ATTITUDE (SCHABECOFF).

MAYAGUEZ RELIEF-MASTER CALLS SEIZURE "LIKE MUGGING AN OLD LADY" (MCCARRON, CHITRIB). PRES WEIGHS MIL ACTION TO GAIN SHIP'S RELEASE, SUMMONED LATE NSC MEETING TO CONSIDER STEPS (HEALY, NYDN). NOT YET CLEAR WHAT LEVERAGE ADMIN HAS WITH CAMBODIANS TO FORCE RELEASE OF SHIP WITHOUT RISKING LIVES. PRES SAYS WOULD CONSULT WITH CONGRESS BEFORE TAKING MIL ACTION. DOS STUDIES POLITICAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS (SCHMIDT/HALVERSON/SPERLING, CSM). US WEIGHS OPTIONS ON SEIZED SHIP AS SECSTATE FLEW BACK FROM MIDWEST FOR TOP-LEVEL POLICY MEETING. WHATEVER ACTION PRES TAKES, WILL HAVE STRONG BACKING IN CONGRESS WHERE DEMANDS FOR MIL ACTION GROWING (KUMPA, SUN). WH BELIEVES PRES HAS LEGAL AUTHORITY USE MIL FORCE  
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IF NECESSARY TO RESCUE US SHIP AND CREW; MAINTAINS RESTRICTIONS ON INDOCHINA TROOP USE DO NOT APPLY THIS TYPE SITUATION (ISAACS, WP). SEA-LAND SAYS SHIP INSURED FOR 4.5 MILLION DOLS, CARGO 1 MILLION, BUT REPLACING VESSEL WOULD COST 22 MILLION (ZINKEWICZ, JOC). US MERCHANT SHIPS WARNED BY WH TO STEER CLEAR GULF OF THAILAND (SKARTVEDT, JOC).

SECSTATE SAYS CAMBODIAN GOVT CARRYING OUT ATROCITY OF MAJOR PROPORTIONS BY FORCED MARCHES, EXECUTIONS (AP, NYT). LON NOL CALLS FOR WORLD CONDEMNATION OF KHMER ROUGE ATROCITIES; SAYS DOES NOT FEEL US BETRAYED CAMBODIA, DENIES TAKING MILLION-DOL BRIBE TO LEAVE

(UPI, PHINQ). CBS OFFICIAL SAYS ALL FRENCH BISHOPS, PRIESTS EXPELLED FROM CAMBODIA. DEPARTURE LEAVES 3 RC PRIESTS, 1 BISHOP, ALL CAMBODIAN, IN COUNTRY (NYT). KR FORCES GIVE THAILAND 7 DAYS PULL BORDER BACK HALF-MILE; ACCUSE THAIS OF USURPING TERRITORY DURING PAST 5 YRS (WP).

PRES PICKS VETERAN FSO GALEN STONE AS LAOS AMB (AP, NYDN; UPI, WP). PL OFFICIAL CONFIRMS COMMUNIST DECISION CONTINUE COALITION GOVT. ALL MAJOR POWERS IN VIENTIANE,

INCLUDING NVN, QUIETLY EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR CONTINUING COALITION. MANY OFFICIALS, ARMY OFFICERS HAVE FLED WITH FAMILIES ACROSS MEKONG FOR FEAR OF PL TAKEOVER. QUICK CHANGES UNLIKELY, THOUGH PL RECEIVED BOOST BY RECENT INDOCHINA EVENTS (ANDELMAN, NYT). AFTER COLLAPSE CAMBODIA, SVN, RIGHTISTS SAW WRITING ON WALL. SEVERAL HUNDRED RLG SOLDIERS RECENTLY DECLARED ALLEGIANCE TO COALITION. US EMBASSY WAITS TO FIND OUT WHETHER GOVT WILL THROW THEM OUT OR LET THEM STAY. UNOFFICIAL VIENTIANE SOURCES SAY US PREPARING EVACUATE SOME AMCITS AND DEPENDENTS, BUT WH DENIES ORDERS GIVEN. IN END, LAOS FELL "LIKE RIPE PLUM" INTO COMMUNISTS' HANDS (AP, PHINQ).

SOURCES SAY SOME AMERICANS MAKING PREPARATIONS LEAVE LAOS, BUT NOT DETERMINED HOW MANY. PL CONTINUES TIGHTEN GRIP BY PURGING RIGHTIST GENERALS, GROUNDING LAO AF TO REMOVE AIR ATTACK THREAT, STARVING OUT ENCIRCLED ENCLAVES (UPI, UNCLASSIFIED

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NYDN). AUTHORITATIVE SOURCE SAYS USG DECIDED REMOVE SOME AMCITS AND DEPENDENTS AS PL GETS STRONGER GRIP ON COUNTRY, ALSO CONSIDERING SHUTTING DOWN OPERATIONS IN SOME PARTS LAOS (CHITRIB). SEVERAL MORE RIGHTIST ARMY UNITS PLEDGE LOYALTY TO SOUVANNA. US CONSIDERING EVACUATING FAMILIES WHO WANT LEAVE AND OFFICIALS SCHEDULED FOR REASSIGNMENT THIS SUMMER. SOUVANNA APPEALS TO POLICE, SOLDIERS, CIVIL SERVANTS WHO HAVE LEFT TO RETURN (WP).

PRIVATELY, PRG INDICATES PREPARED ACCEPT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH US; SAYS NVA STARTED WITHDRAWING NORTH AND ALL WOULD GO ONCE SECURITY ESTABLISHED (UPI PHINQ, NYDN). DOS HAS TAKEN UNDER CONSIDERATION PRG REQUEST THAT ALGERIA TAKE OVER VIETNAMESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. VC OFFICIALS SAY INITIATIVE FOR ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS MUST COME FROM US; ADD WOULD ACCEPT SMALL US MISSION IN SAIGON, BUT US WOULD HAVE TO AGREE NOT MEDDLE IN VIETNAMESE AFFAIRS (UPI, WP).

UK RECOGNIZES NEW SAIGON REGIME, FOLLOWING JAPAN, INDIA, SWEDEN, ITALY, OTHER COUNTRIES; FRENCH RECOGNITION SAID IMMINENT (WP; AP, SUN). SAIGON SAYS REFUGEES

WELCOME RETURN, DIPLOMATIC NOTES SENT PHILS, THAILAND, SINGAPORE, INDONESIA AND MALAYSIA ASKING VIET REFUGEES BE INFORMED (AP, SUN). SAIGON RADIO ANNOUNCES 30,000 MOVED FROM CAPITAL TO DELTA (NYT). THIRTY FOREIGN NEWSMEN ARRIVE SAIGON, MOST FROM E EUR, CUBA, CHINA (AFP, NYT).

GVN GENERALS REGISTER WITH NEW SAIGON GOVT AS RADIO EACH DAY ANNOUNCES NEW CATEGORY OFFICERS, CIVIL SERVANTS WHO ASKED PRESENT SELVES AT SPECIAL CENTERS. HOW LONG

PROCESS OF SORTING POPULATION INTO "SHEEP ... AND THE GOATS" WILL GO ON IS UNCLEAR AS REGISTRATION, ENUMERATION, AND EXAMINATION OF ALL CONNECTED WITH OLD REGIME GOES ON (WOOLLACOTT OF MANCHESTER GUARDIAN, WP). AMCIT RICHARD HUGHES WHO SET UP HOMES FOR STREET CHILDREN IN SAIGON, DA NANG, STAYED BEHIND IN SVN TO CONTINUE AID CHILDREN (NYT).

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RETD ADM ZUMWALT TESTIFIES "QUITE CLEAR" VERBAL COMMITMENTS HAD BEEN GIVEN GVN (AP, SUN).

HAC APPROVES 405 MILLION DOLS FOR INDOCHINA REFUGEE AID (CHITRIB; PEPPER, SUN). COLLEGE AID BEING CONSIDERED IN CONGRESS FOR 2000 VIET, KHMER STUDENTS ON US CAMPUSES (MOUAT, CSM); 100,000TH INDOCHINA REFUGEE RECEIVED ON GUAM (WP); GUAM GOV VOICES HEALTH FEAR ON CROWDED ISLAND (MALCOLM, NYT). AMB BROWN SAYS ANTIQUATED SECURITY CHECK SYSTEM SLOWS REFUGEE FLOW FROM RESETTLEMENT CAMPS IN US (PHINQ). ORIGINAL OPTIMISTIC TIMETABLE FOR MOVING REFUGEES FROM PENDLETON BEING REVISED BECAUSE OF SECURITY CHECK REQUIREMENTS, LOCATING SPONSORS, LACK OF COORDINATION AMONG DIFFERENT AGENCIES INVOLVED (NORDHEIMER, NYT). SEN KENNEDY CITES MISTAKES IN REFUGEE EVACUATION; SAYS THOUSANDS WHO SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN EVACUATED WERE, AND THOUSANDS WHO SHOULD HAVE, WEREN'T (MEYER, WP).

## 2. JAPAN

NYT'S HALLORAN IN TOKYO FINDS CONCERN WIDESPREAD KOREA MAY BE NEXT AFTER INDOCHINA, AND ACCENTUATED AMBIVALENCE ABOUT RELATIONSHIP WITH US (USIA WIRELESS FILE).

TREAS' BENNETT TELLS PRESS IN BRUSSELS THAT US, EC, JAPAN FAIL REACH "GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT" TO CURB TRADE COMPETITION THROUGH CUT-RATE CREDIT DEALS (WSJ, JOC).

CULLISON (JOC) NOTES PRC UNRESPONSIVE OVERTURES JOIN WORLD PETROLEUM CONGRESS.

CULLISON CITES EPA REPORT TUESDAY RECESSION ENDING WITH MANUFACTURING NO LONGER IN DECLINE, INVENTORY ADJUSTMENT NEARLY COMPLETE. NOTES FUKUDA CONCERN THAT WPI ROSE IN APRIL, FIRST TIME IN FOUR MONTHS.

MOT TUESDAY WARNED OWN INTL CARRIERS, 31 FOREIGN AIRLINES, PLUS 81 AGENCIES, IMMEDIATELY STOP OFFERING "UNREASONABLY LOW FARES" TO LURE INTL PASSENGERS (JOC, TOKYO).

SUN'S SEIDEN REVIEWS GOJ DEMOGRAPHIC FORECAST JAPAN WOULD UNCLASSIFIED

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BECOME ONE CONTINUOUS URBAN SPRAWL BY 2050, WITHOUT ENOUGH WATER, LAND OR WORKING-AGE PEOPLE TO FEED 150 MILLION POPULATION, OF WHOM ONE IN FIVE OLDER THAN 65 YEARS.

### 3. KOREA

PRES PARK TUESDAY REVIVED BAN ON ALL PUBLIC OPPOSITION TO "HIS DICTATORSHIP" (WSJ). ISSUED 14-POINT EMERGENCY DECREE TO PREPARE NATION FOR POSSIBLE NEW NK INVASION. REAFFIRMED CONFIDENCE IN US DEFENSE COMMITMENT. DECREE PROVIDES ARREST, DETENTION, SEARCH, SEIZURE OF VIOLATORS WITHOUT WARRANT, IMPRISONMENT FOR NO LESS THAN ONE YEAR, SUSPENSION CIVIL RIGHTS UP TO TEN YEARS. CIVIL COURTS TO HANDLE CASES (AP, NYDN). ASSEMBLYMEN FREE TO TALK IN ASSEMBLY, BUT DECREE BANS DISSEMINATION DISSENTING STATEMENT IN ANY FORM (CHITRIB).

NYT SPECIAL (SEOUL) CITES PARK SPEECH TUESDAY THAT SPLIT IN NATL OPINION "MEANS DEFEAT" IN CONFRONTATION WITH COMMUNISM. KIM YOUNG SAM SAYS EDICT MEANS "END TO FREE POLITICAL ACTIVITY."

OBERDORFER (WP) IN TOKYO NOTES DECREE BANS UNAUTHORIZED DEPARTURE OF PEOPLE, FUNDS FROM SK. FINDS NO RECOGNITION IN PARK STATEMENT OF POSSIBLE ADVERSE IMPACT ON CONGRESS. QUOTES PARK CALLING ON NK "DESIST FROM DAYDREAM OF COMMUNIZING" KOREAN PENINSULA, RESUME STALLED N-S TALKS. ADDS PARK WARNED ANOTHER NK INVASION WOULD PROVIDE "OCCASION TO ERADICATE THEIR THREATS ONCE AND FOR ALL."

LAT'S JAMESON IN SEOUL (5/13) CITES UNNAMED "TOP AMERICAN MILITARY COMMANDER" SAYING IN INTERVIEW WOULD URGE WH USE TACTICAL NUKES IN CASE OF WAR IN KOREA. SAID MILITARY PLANS FOR ALL CONTINGENCIES, BUT IF US TO FIGHT IN KOREA -- FOR OBJECTIVES LARGER THAN PENINSULA -- DECISION WOULD BE WHETHER DEPLOY MANY US DIVISIONS OR "CONSIDER SOMETHING ELSE FIRST." ADDED DOES NOT BELIEVE CHINA, SOVIET PREPARED BACK KIM IL-SUNG IN ALL-OUT EFFORT AT THIS TIME, BUT NOT

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SURE ABOUT GRAY AREAS OF INFILTRATION, PROBES, INCIDENTS  
IN WHICH NOT CLEAR WHO DID WHAT.

NYT SPECIAL (SEOUL) NOTES ARRIVAL PUSAN TUESDAY OF  
MORE THAN 300 SKOREANS, 1,000 SVIET REFUGEES 17 DAYS  
AFTER FLED SAIGON ON TWO SK NAVAL SHIPS. CITES PRESS  
REPORTS MONDAY MORE THAN HUNDRED SKOREANS STRANDED IN  
SAIGON. SAYS ROKG HOPES SEND REFUGEES TO US OR  
AUSTRALIA.

#### 4. CHINA

GLOBE AND MAIL ITEM (PEKING) SAYS DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS  
FREE MAYAGUEZ BELIEVED INCLUDE CONTACT TUESDAY BETWEEN  
USLO, SIHANOUK'S OFFICE. AMB BUSH ESCORTED SECY MORTON  
TO GREAT WALL, MING TOMBS, BUT RETURNED USLO EARLY  
AFTERNOON, POSSIBLY TO SUPERVISE RELAY OF MESSAGES  
TO PRINCE. SPOKESMEN BOTH SIDES DECLINED COMMENT PRESS  
QUERIES (NYT).

IN PARIS, TENG HSIAO-PING "BURST INTO LAUGHTER" TUESDAY  
WHEN ASKED PEKING REACTION TO POSSIBLE US INTERVENTION  
TO RECOVER MAYAGUEZ -- TOLD PRESS "IF THEY INTERVENE,  
THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO" (AP, WP, NYDN; SUN).

L'HUMANITE TUESDAY CRITICIZED TENG SHARPLY FOR  
ANTI-SOVIET INVECTIVE IN DINNER SPEECH MONDAY (UPI,  
PHINQ).

WEARY US TRACK AND FIELD TEAM ARRIVED HK TUESDAY,  
PLANS DEPART FOR PRC BY TRAIN FRIDAY (AP, NYT, PHINQ).  
LAT'S CHENG CHING-FOND SAYS INTEREST IN PRC TRACK TEAM  
HIGH, SINCE PRC APPLIED FOR IOC MEMBERSHIP, MAY TAKE  
PART IN 1976 MONTREAL OLYMPICS (PHINQ).

ROC RANKED AS THIRD-LARGEST TEXTILE SUPPLIER TO US  
IN 1974, BEHIND JAPAN, HK, ACCORDING, CENTRAL NEWS  
AGENCY (REUTER, SUN).

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AQUINO DECIDES END 40-DAY ANTI-MARCOS HUNGER STRIKE  
WEDNESDAY, ACCORDING WIFE. AT MASS IN HUSBAND'S HONOR,  
SAID REGIME THAT DENIED HUSBAND "BASIC HUMAN RIGHT TO  
LIVE IN DIGNITY" DECIDED ALSO DENY HIM RIGHT "DIE FOR  
HIS CONVICTIONS" (AP, NYT, CHITRIB; WSJ). MIL DEFENSE

LAWYERS PRESENT MOTION FOR IMMEDIATE TRIAL OF AQUINO  
ON CHARGE PLOTTED KILL MARCOS (WP).

CLEVELAND CLINIC FDN AWARDS MRS. MARCOS PLAQUE HONORING  
HER EFFORTS "ENHANCE THE HEALTH OF THE PEOPLE OF  
ASIA" (AP, NYDN).

6. THAILAND

US CH-53 HELO CRASHED TUESDAY 35 MILES W OF NAKON PHANOM,  
NEAR LAO BORDER, ACCORDING DOD. FATE OF 23 ON BOARD  
UNKNOWN. NO INDICATION INVOLVED IN OPERATION RELATED  
MAYAGUEZ.

RTG OFFICIALS TUESDAY SAID WILL REPATRIATE WITHIN YEAR  
ESTIMATED 40,000 VIET REFUGEES LIVING NE THAILAND OVER  
TWO DECADES (CSM; WP).

WP CITES NVN SOURCES IN HANOI THAT CONFIRM CHATICHAI  
STATEMENT PRG DELEGATION TO VISIT BANGKOK SOON "TO  
RECOVER" SVN PROPERTY.

7. ASEAN

RAZAK OPENED THREE-DAY ASEAN CONFERENCE IN KL TUESDAY  
WITH OFFER FRIENDSHIP FOR INDOCHINA, INVITATION TO  
COMMUNIST NATIONS JOIN BODY TO WORK FOR REGIONAL PEACE  
(WP). NYT'S LELYVELD IN KL OBSERVES ASEAN FMS BEGIN  
MEETING WITH "WIDELY DIVERGENT IDEAS" ON HOW APPROACH  
COMMUNIST REGIMES IN INDOCHINA. NOTES HAVE BEEN  
TRYING PREPARE FOR THIS MOMENT SINCE 1971 WHEN ASEAN  
FIRST PROCLAIMED WISH TO TURN REGION INTO "ZONE OF  
PEACE, FREEDOM, NEUTRALITY."

TOUHY (LAT) IN SINGAPORE STATES NOT AT ALL CLEAR HOW  
MUCH UNITY, COHESION ASEAN MIGHT MAINTAIN IN FACE  
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CURRENT SENSITIVE POLITICAL ISSUES, RAPID CHANGE. QUOTES  
RAZAK THAT SEA HE LEFT THREE WEEKS AGO TO ATTEND  
COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE "IS DIFFERENT FROM THE ONE  
I AM NOW RETURNING TO."

ASEAN SOURCES SAY HANOI ASKED CONFEREES NOT ANNOUNCE  
CURRENT DISCUSSIONS OF FUTURE RELATIONS WITH NVN,  
SVN. ASEAN OFFICIALS INTERPRET AS "PROMISING" FOR  
FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS (WP).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

8. INDOCHINA

WP VOICES CONCERN THAT, WITH FACTS ABOUT MAYAGUEZ SEIZURE STILL VERY FEW AND DIM, ADMIN SHOULD LAND MARINES IN THAILAND--DESPITE EVIDENCES RTG DISPLEASURE--AND THREATEN USE FORCE TO LIBERATE VESSEL. ARGUES ADMIN FIRST STEPS SHOULD BE SUPPLYING US PUBLIC WITH CONVINCING EVIDENCE RIGHTNESS OF ITS CASE AND EXPLANATION WHY NO EFFECTIVE ALTERNATIVE (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

PHINQ DOUBTS MAYAGUEZ SEIZURE MEANS NEW CAMBODIAN REGIME WANTS WAR WITH US, AND NEW ASIAN HOSTILITIES NOT IN AMERICAN INTEREST. DESPITE HAWKS LIKE SEN BUCKLEY, NATION'S FIRST RECOURSE SHOULD BE DIPLOMACY,

AND ITS SECOND AND THIRD RECOURSE, ALSO.

SUN ADVISES US BLUSTER UNLIKELY RETRIEVE MAYAGUEZ. FIRST STEP MUST BE FINDING OUT WHY CAMBODIANS SEIZED IT; DISPATCHING MARINES TO THAILAND ONLY ENDANGERS BANGKOK'S RELATIONS WITH NEW CAMBODIAN GOVT, AND WITH US (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

WSJ SEES MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT POINTING UP DIFFICULTIES INHERENT IN LIMITATIONS ON US POWER CONGRESS HAS IMPOSED ON USE STRENGTH IN INDOCHINA; WE ARE LEARNING AGAIN THERE IS NO WITHDRAWAL FROM WORLD.

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CHITRIB FEARS WE SEEM WITNESSING BIRTH OF MINIATURE MONSTER IN CAMBODIA. US MUST SECURE MAYAGUEZ'S RELEASE, AND DIPLOMATIC APPROACHES BEING MADE ARE CORRECT FIRST STEP; BUT US CANNOT TOLERATE ANOTHER HUMILIATION LIKE PUEBLO AFFAIR.

NYDN FEELS PRES FORD HAS SHOWN FORBEARANCE IN CHOOSING DIPLOMACY AS FIRST RESORT TO PRY MAYAGUEZ FREE; BUT HOPES HE HAS MADE ABUNDANTLY CLEAR TO CAMBODIANS NEITHER HE NOR AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL TOLERATE PROTRACTED PALAVER AND SHIP WILL BE RETAKEN BY FORCE IF NOT FREED.

WSTAR'S BRADSHER (5/13) SUGGESTS MAYAGUEZ SEIZURE MAY HAVE RESULTED FROM MAJOR BLUNDER OF US INTELLIGENCE IN IGNORING SUCH DANGER SIGNS AS: NEW CAMBODIAN REGIME HAVING PUT AT LEAST ONE US-SUPPLIED GUNBOAT INTO OPERATION; ITS HALTING PANAMANIAN SHIP LAST THURSDAY IN AREA WHERE MAYAGUEZ CAPTURED, ETC (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

CITING COLLAPSE LAOS COALITION GOVT, ON HEELS SVN, CAMBODIA EVENTS, SUN THINKS HENCEFORTH SEA PEOPLES, AMERICANS, BOTH MORE LIKELY HAVE HEALTHY SKEPTICISM ABOUT COMMITMENTS THAT INVOLVE SUPERPOWERS DEEPLY



IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF DISTANT, TINY LANDS ON BORDERS  
OF BIG, VIGOROUS COMPETITORS FOR INTERNATIONAL POWER  
(IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

WSTAR (5/13) CONCLUDES EFFORT TO ESTABLISH LAOS COALITION  
GOVT WAS PERHAPS UNREALISTIC FROM OUTSET; CERTAINLY,  
WITH SVN, CAMBODIAN WAR OUTCOME, LOGIC MUST GIVE WAY TO  
GENERAL COMMUNIST VICTORY THROUGHOUT INDOCHINA (IN  
USIA WIRELESS FILE).

WP (5/13) NOTES FIRST HARSH REACTIONS TO VIET REFUGEES'  
ARRIVAL SEEMS YIELDING TO MEASURE OF SYMPATHY MORE IN  
KEEPING WITH NATION'S HUMANITARIAN TRADITIONS. WP CARRIES

SEVERAL LETTERS ON REFUGEE ISSUE, MOSTLY PRO (IN USIA  
WIRELESS FILE). BOST H-A 5/7) CALLS REACTION TO RESETTLING  
REFUGEES DISTURBING BUT PERHAPS INEVITABLE BECAUSE OF  
PUBLIC COST, UNEMPLOYMENT, RACISM. PHILA BULLETIN (5/8)  
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BELIEVES PRES HAD EVERY RIGHT BE UPSET BY HOSTILE REACTION  
OF THOSE WHO WANT NATION TURN ITS BACK ON REFUGEES.

BUCHANAN (PHILA BULLETIN 5/8) FINDS FACT SAD NOT ALL  
AMERICANS SHARE PRES' SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR VIET  
REFUGEES. HEMPSTONE (PHINQ 5/13) CALLS VOICES RAISED  
AGAINST REFUGEE ADMISSION "RACIST AND UN-AMERICAN."  
LAT (5/12) PRINTS 2 VIEWS OF VIET REFUGEES: CORRESPONDENT  
LAMB SAYS LET'S NOT FORGET THOSE WHO BELIEVED US; VET  
CURRER QUESTIONS PROPRIETY OF HELPING "WAR PROFITEERS."  
WILLS (WSTAR, 5/12) WONDERS WHY SURPRISE AT FINDING MOST  
AMERICANS "DON'T GIVE A DAMN" ABOUT VIETNAMESE. GRADY  
(PHILA BULLETIN 5/8) BELIEVES AMERICANS WARMING UP TO  
VIET REFUGEES. WSJ'S WONG (5/13) ADVISES VIET REFUGEES  
BE WARY AND SKEPTICAL IN FACE OF US SCHIZOPHRENIA, PRIOR  
TREATMENT OF ASIANS. ROWAN (BALT N-A 5/12) REMINDS PRES  
THAT BIGOTRY OLD AS US ITSELF, SO SHOULDN'T BE SURPRISED  
AT HOSTILITY SOME DIRECT AT VIETS.

#### 9. GENERAL

NYT DECLARES NPT SERVES AS FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE AGAINST  
HORROR OF MISUSE OF ESTIMATED 40,000 LBS PLUTONIUM BY-  
PRODUCT EXPECTED ACCUMULATE BY 1980 AS NATIONS TURN  
INCREASINGLY TO NUCLEAR POWER TO SOLVE ENERGY CRISIS. URGES  
RATIFICATION BY SIGNATORIES INCLUDING JAPAN, BUT NOTES  
NUCLEAR INTENTIONS OF SOME ADHERENTS ARE SUSPECT, REPORTEDLY  
EVEN SK (USIA WIRELESS FILE).

#### 10. KOREA

CSM (5/13) SEES PRES PARK WHIPPING UP PUBLIC VIGILANCE

AGAINST NK, AND SKOREANS UNITED BEHIND HIM IN ANTI-COMMUNISM. SUGGESTS TIME WE DEVELOPED LONG-RANGE IMAGINATIVE POLICY THAT COULD MAKE POSSIBLE GRADUAL WITHDRAWAL OF US TROOPS OVER 5-10 YEAR PERIOD, BEFORE THEY BECOME FOCUS OF HEATED CONTROVERSY--PERHAPS EVEN AT PARK'S OWN INITIATIVE (USIA WIRELESS FILE).

IN VIEW ALL HIS EXPERIENCE AND AGE, CONTENTS KEVIN PHILLIPS (PHILA BULLETIN 5/9), SEN MANSFIELD SHOULD KNOW BETTER  
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THAN ENCOURAGE NKOREANS AS HE DID MAY 1 BY CALLING FOR GRADUAL WITHDRAWAL US TROOPS FROM SK (ALSO IN BALTIMORE 5/12).

LAT'S JAMESON (5/12) IN SEOUL OBSERVES US AID HAS HELPED LAUNCH QUIET REVOLUTION IN SK MILITARY SELF-SUFFICIENCY. WHETHER PROMISE FULFILLED WILL BE ANSWERED IN ONE OF FIRST POST-VN TESTS OF CONGRESSIONAL MOOD -- SINCE 1971 HAS BEEN SPENDING THREE TIMES AS MUCH ON OWN DEFENSE AS RECEIVES FROM US; BUT TOP OFFICIALS SAY WOULD LIKE ABOUT 200 MILLION MIL AID, WITH 80-90 MILLION DOLS IN GRANTS FOR FY 76.

CHAMBERLAIN (BOSTON 5/7) LAUDS SKOREAN EFFORTS BUILD UP OWN FREE-TRADE ECONOMY DURING QUARTER-CENTURY TRUCE; AID US POURED IN DID NOT END UP IN ZURICH STRONG BOXES, AND SKOREANS DON'T NEED DEPEND ON "TIRED OLD MIKE MANSFIELD" OR OTHER 94TH CONGRESS "GRAVEDIGGERS" TO KEEP INDUSTRY GOING.

NYT (MAY 11) CARRIES TWO PAGE AD BY KOREAN INFO OFFICE, STOCKHOLM, GIVING FULL TEXT KIM IL-SUNG REMARKS TO PANAMANIAN JOURNALISTS WHO VISITED PYONGYANG MAY 1, 1974(SIC) KIM STRESSED ROLE OF EDUCATION TO INSURE PEOPLE NEVER AGAIN SUBMIT TO SUBJUGATION BY IMPERIALISTS; CRITICIZED US IMPERIALISTS, JAPANESE MILITARISTS, SKOREAN AUTHORITIES FOR OPPOSING OWN JUST UNIFICATION PROPOSAL, BECAUSE WISH KEEP KOREA DIVIDED AS PERMANENT MIL BASE AND COMMODITY MARKET; PRAISED INDEPENDENT POLICIES OF GENL HERRERA, PANAMANIAN PEOPLE FOR STRUGGLE AGAINST COMMON ENEMY -- AMERICAN IMPERIALISM.

LAT (5/13) DECLARES NOW NOT TIME CONSIDER REDUCTION US FORCES IN SK, OR ACTION THAT WEAKENS SEOUL'S ABILITY DEFEND SELF -- INSTEAD URGES US SEND CLEAR MESSAGE THAT SK COMMITMENT PRES PLEDGED TO HONOR CARRIES NO OBLIGATION SUPPORT ONE-MAN RULE BASED OR REPRESSIVE POLICIES WHOSE ULTIMATE RESULTS ANTITHETICAL TO US AIMS, INTERESTS, IDEALS.  
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